

**Branch
A.G.M.**
**Wednesday
26th
November**
6.30 p.m.

STUC
333 Woodlands Road
Glasgow
G3 6NG



Lead NHS Officer for Scotland Michael Fuller at the recent representatives one-day school on Agenda for Change

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Branch A.G.M Special

This month's Branch meeting is the annual general meeting. At the AGM, the Branch officers and delegates who will represent your interests over the coming year are elected. All of them are, like you, ordinary members of the Branch elected to positions such as Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and delegates to various committees. In addition, a Branch Committee is elected to take decisions between Branch meetings, if a matter of urgency arises.

Branch meetings are run on a fairly informal, friendly manner and give you an opportunity to widen

your horizons by meeting with people outside your own profession and workplace. They also give you an opportunity to express an opinion on matters under discussion at national level and have that opinion taken into consideration.


In an ideal world, all members would attend all meetings. As this isn't possible (or practical – the room isn't big enough!), please make an effort to attend the annual general meeting this month. It really is the most important branch meeting of the year.



Earlier this month over 100 representatives from all areas of Scotland attended a one-day school on Agenda for Change (AfC) held in the union's Glasgow Office. The meeting was addressed by amicus-

MSF researcher Colin Adkins and Regional Officer Michael Fuller. In view of the importance of AfC it was not surprising that the course was oversubscribed—a further school will be arranged in the near future.

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NHS at financial risk

A report by the Audit Commission claims that the NHS is at “high financial risk”. The report on corporate governance across the public sector singles out the NHS as being the sector most at financial risk because of a combination of high demand for services coupled with failure to address underlying deficits. The financial risk is heightened by targets and poor quality information according to the report. The Audit Commission recommend the adaptation of management tools such as comprehensive performance assessment in order to measure capacity and performance ‘in the round’.

Further information from www.audit-commission.gov.uk

Vote for your new NEC

With effect from the 1st January 2004, the two constituent parts of amicus (MSF and AEEU) are fully integrated. The election of the new National Executive Committee takes place from November 17th to December 5th and all members should receive their ballot paper at their home address. If you have not received your ballot paper by November 24 please phone 0500 101011.

New LRD booklets

The Branch has purchased and distributed the following new Labour Research Department booklets to Senior Group Representatives:

- Monitoring and surveillance—a guide to privacy at work
 - Time off for trade union duties and activities—a guide for workplace and learning reps
 - Working time—a guide to the new regulations
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Annual General Meeting Wednesday 26th November

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. **Reports**
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer and Auditors
4. **Branch Elections**
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Vice-chairperson
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Safety Officer
 - Women’s Officer
 - Newsletter Editor
 - Branch Committee (8)
 - Auditors (2)
 - Trustees (2)
 - Scottish NHS Committee (1)
 - Scottish Regional Council Delegates (2)
6. **Affiliations**

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC), 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 6NG at 6.30 p.m. (tea, coffee and biscuits from 6.15)